**Message from Cllr Andrew Hall, Chair of Woodland Parish Council**

As I take up my position as Councillor and Chair of Woodland Parish Council, I would like to thank all members of the public who took time to vote for their preferred candidates at the recent Parish Council elections, and for placing your trust in those Councillors duly elected to represent you.

We welcome new Councillors Peter Blackwood and Brian Abbott to the Council, Deborah Snowdon who is returning to the Parish Council, as well as those who are carrying on their previous roles as Councillors. My thanks to Cllr Nick Peckett for serving as Chair over the last 12 months, and to Cllr Maggie Timms in her role as Vice-Chair, and for their work in these positions in what has been a turbulent period for the Parish Council.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would also like to publicly thank Robert Teasdale and Alistair Rutter for their contributions to the Parish Council over many years, and to another long standing member of the Council, Paul Brydon, noting in particular his repairs to the Play Tower in the playpark where the new red roof is clearly visible to anyone passing the playground.

Our congratulations to Robert Potts who was re-elected as County Councillor representing Evenwood Ward, and look forward to officially welcoming him at future Parish Council meetings. I wish to publicly thank James Cosslett for his work and huge support of many projects within Woodland over the last 4 years, in particular for the new equipment within the playpark and the various improvement works made to the Village Hall.

I look forward to working with all Councillors and residents of the Parish, as we seek to make Woodland a village and community within which we are all proud to live, and would ask anyone with constructive ideas as to how this can be done to contact the Parish Council at clerk@woodlandparishcouncil.gov.uk